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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Covert Action Staff
SUBJECT: Senator Fulbright Letter to State Department
REFERENCE: Your Memo This Date, Same Subject

With regard to the State Department's draft reply to Senator Fulbright's letter, I believe the decision as to what information is provided the Senate Foreign Relations Committee should be made by the DDP. However, I feel rather strongly that whatever is provided the Committee of an Agency origin should be made available through the State Department.


JOHN M. MAURY
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CONCUR:

s/ Laurence R. Houston

General Counsel

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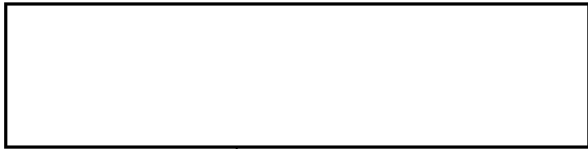
MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel
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SUBJECT: Senator Fulbright Letter to State Department

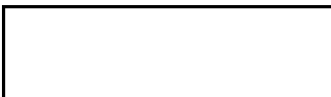
1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Senator Fulbright to State as well as State's draft reply. I would appreciate your comments on the State reply as soon as possible.

2. The interagency study referred to in the second paragraph of State's letter is the one produced by the committee chaired by Martin Hillenbrand. The cost estimates referred to in the last paragraph are updated sanitized reports, a copy of which is now held by PPB. The basis for this report is the unclassified part of the CIA study by Executive Director which Fulbright apparently refers to in the first paragraph of his letter.

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Attachments:
As stated



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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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February 25, 1972

The Honorable
William P. Rogers
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my understanding that within the last few years the Executive Branch has had occasion to re-examine and re-evaluate the Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty programs. In this connection, I believe that one such study, conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency, went so far as to include cost estimates for terminating the Radios' operations.

I should appreciate having a copy of this entire study as well as a brief explanation of why it was undertaken. In addition, I should appreciate a copy of any other studies bearing on the Radios, including any which may have been conducted on an inter-agency basis.

I submit this request to you in light of the legislative requirement contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971:

"The Department of State shall keep the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and responsibilities within the jurisdiction of these committees. Any Federal department, agency, or independent establishment shall furnish any information requested by either such committee relating to any such activity or responsibility."

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I hope the information requested will be made
available at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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DRAFT LETTER

2/29/72

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for reply your letter of February 25, 1972 to the Secretary requesting a copy of a study which you believe to have been made by the Central Intelligence Agency on the subject of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Since this would be a matter involving the Central Intelligence Agency, I have transmitted this part of your request to them and they have informed me that they will give you an expeditious response.

As far as interagency studies are concerned, one was conducted in the spring of 1971 in light of the legislative proposal on the radios presented by Senator Case on January 25, 1971. A copy of this study is appended.

Several (ether) studies of various types have been conducted over the years and we will need to review our files thoroughly in order to be responsive to your request.

There have been, however, cost estimates prepared by the two radio organizations for the purpose of

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establishing what amount of money would be necessary to handle the various obligations incidental to termination. These reports are a natural element in any thorough study of the two organizations since such a study would have to include a look at all options available to the US Government in reaching decisions as to whether or how to provide support to them. Copies of these reports are attached.

This letter is classified SECRET because of the classification of its principal enclosure. The enclosure on the termination costs has no classification.

Sincerely yours,

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